



NUTRITIONAL INGREDIENTS, INC.

ADM NATURAL HEALTH  
& NUTRITION

*Natural Source Vitamin E*

*Mixed Tocopherols*

*Novasoy Soy Isoflavones*

*Phytosterols*

*Lecithin*

*CardioAid*

EASTMAN COMPANY

*Nutriene Tocotrienols*

*Vitamin E TPGS*

ENZO NUTRACEUTICAL

*Enzogenol*

KEMIN FOODS

*FloraGlo Lutein*

POLYPHENOLICS

*Grape Seed Extract*

*Grape Skin Extract*

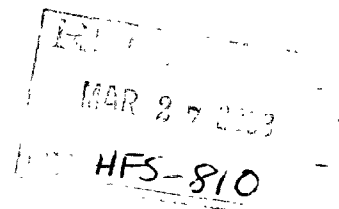
*Seed/Skin Blends*



MEMBER

March 17, 2003

U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
5100 Paint Branch Parkway  
College Park, MD 20740



Dear Sir/Madam:

I own an ingredients supply company in Carlsbad, California USA, and have been in the Dietary Supplement industry for 16 years. Both my customers and I appreciate how the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 improved consumer access to dietary supplements and information about them, while increasing consumer protection against unsafe products and false and misleading claims.

I am concerned that FDA has only just begun to initiate aggressive enforcement actions under DSHEA, yet is calling for suggestions for increased legislative authority in order to better regulate the supplement industry. GMP's have recently been released and are out for comment. I would hope that FDA will first get these implemented and finally impose the law as it was written.

Ephedra is a concern and needs to be addressed. I applaud the position thus far, but do not want to see activities pertaining to Ephedra used as a lever to dismantle DSHEA.

The FDA has all the authority it needs to regulate the dietary supplement industry and should exercise its rights when it believes there to be a safety issue. Furthermore, former FDA commissioner, Dr. Jane Henney, has even stated before Congress that she believes that DSHEA provides FDA with the necessary legal authority to protect the public health. I agree with Dr. Henney's strong support of DSHEA, and do not think any additional legislative authority is necessary.

Sincerely,

Bill Van Dyke  
President  
B&D Nutritional Ingredients, Inc.

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